



Terry Scott sidefoots in Wycombe Wanderers first goal in their 2-0 victory over Croydon on Saturday. Report on Page 24.

Non-league football round-up

Barnet have stamped on rumours that they plan to join the Isthmian League next season. The A.P.L. side which like so many others is struggling financially was quick to issue a denial.

Big pool

Chairman Dave Underwood said: "There is no way at all we will be applying to join the Isthmians. This has not even been mentioned at Board level. If you want to go swimming in a pool you want to go in a big pool. The standard of football in the Alliance is very high and we want to stay in it."

Wealdstone, another Alliance club, are also staying put. Manager Allen Batsford said: "There is no question of us applying to go back in the Isthmian."

But places in the first division are available should any late applicants of the required standard apply. The Isthmians will also go ahead with their promotion and relegation scheme with the Athenians who in turn could face problems in filling vacancies in their competition. Alton have already resigned.

Woking have been fined £50 and had three points deducted for fielding an unregistered player. They also had to pay a further £25 for filling in an incorrect match report form.

THE planned link-up between the Berger Isthmian and Southern Leagues is off. The two competitions had planned a merger of their leading clubs from the 1982-3 season, but now the Southern League has pulled out.

This news will disappoint few leading Isthmian outfits, for most of them have had second thoughts since an overwhelming majority were in favour when the proposal was first put to them.

The Southern is to seek F.A. approval to form three divisions in 1982/83 — South East Premier, South West Premier and Midland Premier. It will co-operate with the Northern Premier in the formation of the Midlands Division and in return the latter will drop plans to form a new Midlands League.

The Alliance Premier League will, in the same season, expand to 24 clubs, but relegate four at the end of each season to take in two each from the Southern and Northern Premier.

There will be 'no standing' at the finals of the FA Vase (April 25) and Trophy (May 16) at Wembley. The F.A. has decided that the Stadium's terraces will not be used. This will not cost supporters more, however, for they will pay the same for the cheapest seats as they would to stand, £1.50.

An F.A. spokesman said: "The terraces are never full. They look untidy and need Stewards and Police to supervise them. We want to see what it looks like with everybody seated."

All eyes are on Wexham Park

WYCOMBE Wanderers take a break from the Berger Isthmian League title race tomorrow (Saturday) when they entertain Division Two side Tring Town in a friendly at Loakes Park.

The Blues are so well up with their fixtures, that they have only five to play. On April 5 they entertain Hendon but then on the next four Saturdays they travel to Boreham Wood, Croydon, Leatherhead and finally Bromley.

So although four of their last five matches are away, the opposition is not as strong as it might have been, especially as they do not have to face any relegation battlers.

The Blues, who went three points clear following their 2-0 victory over Croydon last Saturday — both goals by Terry Scott — can now

watch their main rivals try to catch them.

Chief interest tomorrow centres on Wexham Park where favourites Slough take on champions Enfield in the first of two league encounters which could decide the championship.

Crowded

Last Saturday they defeated F.A. Trophy heroes Aylesbury United 2-1 to reach the final of the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup and give themselves another fixture in an already crowded programme.

In the final to be played at Aylesbury on Easter Monday, April 20, Slough will meet Southern League strugglers and reigning cup holders Milton Keynes City.

City secured their place with a 1-0 semi-final victory over Amersham Town, who thus slipped at this hurdle for

the second successive year. But considering that Milton Keynes have recorded only one win all season in their league, Slough should not have too many problems.

While Amersham failed, Flackwell Heath were succeeding gloriously in reaching the final of the Cold Shield Hellenic League Cup.

In so doing they defeated the runaway Premier Division leaders Newbury Town on Saturday, thanks to a remarkable come-back.

With 26 minutes left they were trailing 0-3 but then in an amazing recovery scores from Steve Payne, Steve Toll (penalty) and an own goal sent the match into extra-time.

Two minutes into the extra period Jack Robinson secured their success following a break upfield. In the final Heathens will face Hazels or Thame who meet tomorrow in the other semi-final.